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will be a very acceptable useful Succour. It would make us happy to be frequently apprized of the Movements, Conduct and Designs of the Enemy. The Assembly is up and abandoned the Design of raising a Regiment of Blacks, if the Assembly had adopted that Plan of Defence, we should have paid the greatest Deference to your recommendation of Major McPherson.

Ibid. [Council to Matthew Ridley Esqr.]

Your Commission Instructions and other Papers that relate to the Business entrusted to your Negotiation are prepared. We think it absolutely necessary you should immediately return to the State that you may adjust your Affairs and prosecute your intended Voyage to Europe. Agreeable to the Propositions you made to this Board, we have wrote to Capt. Moore on the Subject

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Nicholas Moore.]

We some Time ago appointed Mathew Ridley Esqr Agent for the State for the Purposes of obtaining in Europe a Loan of Money Arms Ammunition and Cloathing which Appointment has been confirmed by the General Assembly, his Commission and all the necessary Papers prepared, and we think it absolutely necessary he should immediately return to the State, and prosecute his Voyage, and therefore request you should discharge him, and communicate the Reason to the Gentlemen under your Command.

Ibid. [Council to Samuel Hughes, Esqr.]

The general Assembly not having any particular Notice of the Contract made with you, leaves us at Liberty and we are willing to release you from it on your paying for the Transportation of the Cannon to Baltimore Town and the Expence of proving them, unless the Purchaser from you shall have them again proved, then the Expence approving them to be given up.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer deliver to Horatio Clagett seven thousand and sixty five pounds of Tobacco including four per Cent at Pomonkey Warehouse or any Warehouse above on Potowmack, in lieu of fifty eight pounds, Seventeen shillings and Six pence Specie to be delivered over to Thomas Clagett & Company due them for Cloathing purchased by William Clagett under the " Act to procure an immediate Supply of Cloathing and flesh Provisions for the Troops &^{ca} " per Account passed by the Dep^y Auditor.